## **ABSTRACT**

A method for identifying the orientation of an interesting object in a digital medical image comprises steps of creating a rectangular interesting image mask that covers the interesting object, based on the original digital medical image; generating a rough image based on the interesting image mask, the rough image coarsely describing the interesting object; and identifying the orientation of the interesting object based on the rough image. A method for segmenting interesting objects in digital medical images may also comprise steps of creating a rectangular interesting image mask that covers said interesting object, based on an original digital medical image; generating a rough image based on the interesting image mask, the rough image coarsely describing the interesting object; and performing a post-process on the rough image.